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PATENT APPLICATION
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With Enhanced Biocompatibility and Biostability Examiner:
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Sir:

Applicants submit their response in support of US Application Number 09/998,536. Applicants submit cancelled claims, amended claims, and arguments to forward prosecution. Applicants response is submitted in reply to the office action dated March 9, 2004. In the previous Office Action received by the Applicants, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-6, 11, 12, 26, 30, and 31.

Applicants submit with their response a request for a three month extension of time and authorize the office to charge deposit account No. 13-2546, in the name of Medtronic, Inc., the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) for any additional fees necessary related to this application.

Applicants also wish to thank Examiner Desantas for his time on August 26, 2004 to discuss the case, and to provide helpful suggestions towards moving the instant case towards allowance.